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"Fair Play" and "More Anon"

The mountain has labored and brought forth not even a mouse. For some time past there has appeared in the "Weekly Mail" a series of articles, characterized by vague insinuation and artful innuendo, charging by indirection, at least, misappropriation of funds by the town council of Kingstree, and other high crimes and misdemeanors.

These articles very naturally attracted attention and gave rise to considerable speculation as to what their author was driving at. Nothing tangible was offered, however, as it seemed to be the object of this aspirant for literary fame to force the council to prove itself innocent in defiance of the well known principle of moral as well as statutory law that "the burden of proof rests upon the accuser". Such expressions were used as, "I propose to throw the search light, and if need be, the x-rays, and I promise you it will be interesting reading;" also this: "Pay it up, gentlemen! pay it up! When the school trustees of District No. 16 get all this money, coupled with the proceeds of the bonds of the town, less the \$700 commission for the town clerk, they will have money to loan. This is no idle talk; it means business. THE TOWN CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE IT."

When no attention was paid to the "Fair Play" articles another scribe appeared on the scene under the appellation of "More Anon". His article was printed in both the local newspapers, and coming as it did in sequence with the lucubrations of "Fair Play", it was evidently intended as supplementary thereto. "More Anon's" article was nothing more than a sweeping and violent denunciation of the council, calculated to provoke resentment and arouse dissension and strife. But the writer claimed to have facts, which would be published later; and we are free to say that it was solely upon this representation that it was admitted to our columns.

Out of this tirade grew the personal encounter, which as a sensation has had its little hour. With that affair it is not our purpose to deal, as it is fully covered in another column, supported by the sworn testimony of eye-witnesses.

After the fight there were various versions abroad; and, as it usually happens in such case, there were almost as many opinions as there are people in the town. Many rumors were afloat and the situation seemed to grow more complicated.

It was then that Mr P H Stoll, editor of the Weekly Mail, and the editor of The Record determined to call on "Fair Play" and "More Anon" and make them the

proposition that is set forth in our signed statement.

The reply of "Fair Play" is terse, clear-cut and iridescent, but scarcely in keeping with his literary productions and paradoxical pen-name. Here it is: "I KNOW OF NO DISCREPANCIES OR MISAPPROPRIATIONS, HAVE HEARD OF NONE AND CHARGED NONE." We leave to his friends and admirers the task of reconciling this statement with his articles that appeared in the Mail.

Our visit to "More Anon" was hardly more productive of results. At first he promised to specify, but when the time came failed to do so; and, after we had called three times for something tangible as a basis for our work of investigation, he disposed of the whole matter by saying that he preferred to make no charges. Truly a tame ending for a champion of reform who sallied forth armed and equipped "to cleanse the Augean stables and destroy the power and influence of those who flourish in a cess-pool of infernal corruption."

It was our intention to probe to the core any charges that were made against the town council and had the investigation disclosed the slightest evidence of corruption or venal conduct on the part of our trusted officials, we felt that we owed it to the town and to the public generally to denounce the guilty ones in no uncertain way. On the other hand, since every charge has fallen flat, both "Fair Play" and "More Anon" having failed utterly to present a single charge, it is equally incumbent upon us to say that in our judgment the town council stands completely vindicated, without a stain on its escutcheon.

As to the conduct of the instigators of this futile agitation we refrain from comment. No man of intelligence would do what they have done without a motive. To fathom their motive would be to plunge too deep into the realms of conjecture. Having given a frank expression of our opinion we leave it to a fair-minded and intelligent public to draw its own conclusions, and so far as we are concerned the whole unpleasant affair is closed.

A New York justice has ruled it a misdemeanor to call an old maid an old maid. We should like for His Honor to suggest an appellation more appropriate.

Benson Briefs.

(Written for last week.)

BENSON, June 25.—Rev H F Oliver, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist church, filled his appointments last Sunday at 11 a m, and at 8:30 p m. We are always glad to have Brother Oliver with us.

Rev William Roof preached at Cedar Swamp Methodist church last Sunday at 4 p m.

Mr W P McGill, from near Cades, visited his brother, J Y McGill, last Saturday and Sunday.

Prof N D Lesesne of Greeleyville was visitor at his old home last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Louise, the eldest daughter of Mr J Y McGill, has been sick for some days. Her malady is typhoid fever. Her condition is hopeful and we trust that she may soon be well again.

Next Saturday, June 27, quarterly conference of Cades circuit will meet at Cedar Swamp Methodist church. W. S. G.

It's foolish to cast your bread upon the waters when they are so many hungry men to whom you might hand it.

BASKET PICNIC.

The public is cordially invited to attend a Basket Picnic to be given at Brown's Ferry on July 9th, 1903. Steamer Wm Elliott will leave Rhem's Landing at 8 o'clock, a. m. sharp. Free ferryage at Brown's and at Munnerlyn's.

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Notice.

Until school commences again I will be in my office on Mondays. Teachers and Trustees who have not yet handed in School registers will please do so at their earliest convenience. 6-15 ft WM. COOPER, Co. Supt. Education.

Summer School for Negroes.

The Summer School for Colored Teachers will commence on Monday, July 6, and continue in session for one month. J B Beck of Georgetown will be in charge and the sessions will be held in the A. M. E. church. WILLIAM COOPER, Co. Supt. Education. 7-2 1t

Summer School for Whites.

The Summer School for White Teachers will commence Monday, July 20, and continue in session for one month. The exercises will be held in the court house and will be conducted by Profs Ernest Wiggins and A R Banks. A full attendance on the part of public school teachers is urgently requested. WILLIAM COOPER, Co. Supt. Education. 7-2 3t

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examinations.

The examinations for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 10th, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacated after July 10th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination. The next session will open about September 16, 1903. For further information and a catalogue address Pres. D B Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C. 7-9

Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisors of Registration will be opened on the first Monday in every month for the purpose of the registering of any person who is qualified as follows: Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1895 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on, during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more. J. J. EADDY, Clerk of Board.

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